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For POLARIZING FILTER AND OPTICAL DEVICE USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3-6, 9 and 10 as follows (a marked up version of claims 3-6, 9 and 10 being appended hereto):

3. A polarizing filter according to Claim 1, wherein one to four layers of dielectric thin films selected from said first group and one to four layers of dielectric thin films selected from said second group are laminated alternately on said transparent flat substrate.

4. A polarizing filter according to Claim 1, wherein a refractive index difference with respect to the wavelength of incident light between adjacent dielectric thin films selected from the dielectric materials belonging to said first and said second groups respectively is in a range of from 0.15 to 1.2, both inclusively.